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## An easy route for all the family: 9 miles along quiet lanes

**The Meres** were created during the Ice Age. Large chunks of ice broke off from the retreating ice front. They melted slowly and sank into the clay, creating "Kettle Holes". These filled with water forming the Meres. They are cold all year and have no water flowing in or out of them.

- 1 Start at **Colemere Country Park** (carpark). Turn right out of the car park climbing a slight hill.
- 2 Follow the sign to English Frankton ( 2½ miles). The road rises steeply to Frankton Grange then steadily downhill.
- 3 Continue past **English Frankton**. At the Y junction take the left turn signposted Brown Heath and Loppington
- 4 At the junction after **Brownheath** either continue to the right to reach Loppington, or to avoid the main road in Loppington turn left at this junction .

**Loppington:** An old farming village. St Michael's church dates back to the 14th Century. During the Civil War, the Roundheads burnt down part of the church. Look out for interesting buildings in the village:

- The Nook, *a pretty timber-framed house close to the church*
- Loppington Hall, *an 18th century brick house*
- The Bull-ring, *used up to 1835 for bull baiting*

- 5 If you wish to continue on to Wem cross straight over the B4397 (*take care*), St Michael's Church (left), through Nonely, Commonwood and Tilley. To return to Colemere: Turn left passing the Dickin Arms pub which serves food (on right). Ride past the Village Hall (on left).
- 6 Turn left at the village pond. Follow the winding country lanes (past **Loppington House** on your right).
- 7 At **Holywellmoor** the road climbs slightly. Continue past Grange Farm (left) and **Lyneal Mill** (right)
- 8 At **Lyneal Cross Roads** turn right and then first left past Tower Farm.
- 9 Take the left turn signed Colemere to return to the carpark.